

COUNTY FOREST ACREAGE PAYMENTS

Authorization: ss. 20.370(5)(bv) and 28.11(8)(a), Wis. Stats.

Budget: 2003-2004 Fiscal Year = \$706,000
2004-2005 Fiscal Year = \$706,000

Objective: To provide financial assistance to towns with lands enrolled under the County Forest Law, in lieu of local tax revenue.

Eligibility: Towns in counties having lands enrolled under the County Forest Law.

Level of Assistance: Towns receive \$.30 per acre payments based on acreage in the town enrolled under the County Forest Law.

Priorities: Each town determines how payment will be used.

Eligible Types of Projects: Statute places no restrictions.

Applications: None required

History: Payments have been made since the inception of the County Forest program in 1929 to compensate the Towns for the lost tax base. The acreage payment was \$.10/acre from 1929 through 1961, with further increases to \$.15/acre in 1962, \$.20/acre in 1972 and \$.30/acre in 1989.

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